

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 651

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Tommy Pharr and the Farragut High School baseball team upon winning the 2009 TSSAA Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of our great athletic teams who work hard, make the necessary sacrifices, achieve success, and provide entertainment for large numbers of fans; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding 2009 Farragut High School Admirals baseball team (39-5), which recently won the 2009 TSSAA Class AAA state championship, is clearly one such team; and

WHEREAS, in a hard fought, gut-wrenching state championship matchup, the Farragut Admirals defeated Mt. Juliet High School 2-1 at Middle Tennessee State University's Reese Smith, Jr., Field; the victory earned the ten senior players on the Farragut High School baseball team their third state championship in the last four years; and

WHEREAS, after dominating the regular season, the Admirals ran through their state tournament bracket on their way to the championship game; and

WHEREAS, in the title game, Farragut struck fast in the first inning when Curt Powell reached second on an infield grounder and scored after Nicky Delmonico hit a RBI double off the wall in centerfield; and

WHEREAS, Blake Hayes began the second inning with a single, he advanced to third after Nick Williams's bloop hit down the right field line, and scored the Admirals second run on David Allen's RBI groundout; and

WHEREAS, the Admirals standout ace pitcher, Philip Pfeifer, led his team with a stunning eight strikeout, four hit, and no walk performance, leaving Farragut with a one run lead

in the bottom of the seventh inning; maintaining their focus and determination, the team persevered as reliever Mac Thoreson retired the Mt. Juliet batters, helping the Farragut Admirals finish their phenomenal season with a dominating display of their baseball talent; and

WHEREAS, the victory was especially rewarding for Head Coach Tommy Pharr who not only expertly molded the natural talent of the 2009 players into a championship caliber team, but also earned his fifth state championship in seven seasons; and

WHEREAS, the leadership, passion for the game, and coaching wizardry of Head Coach Tommy Pharr is without peer; Coach Pharr's precepts of strong hitting and running, expert pitching, tenacious defense, and limiting mistakes were perfectly on display during Farragut High School's run for the championship; and

WHEREAS, the young men of the 2009 Farragut High School baseball team have displayed ability, teamwork, and perseverance. Jordan Cooper, Ellison Fitchpatrick, Blake Hayes, Trip Keeton, Marshall Leavell, Ryan Littman, Curt Powell, Cade Stallings, Grant Tabor, Mac Thoreson, Steven Weaver, David Allen, Stephen Belasco, Ethan Bennett, Ian Comman, Chris Griffin, Logan Hess, Stewart Martens, Ryan Montalbano, Tyler Noland, Nick Williams, Josh Zimmer, Derek Chandler, Nicky Delmonico, Nicholas Summers, and Philip Pfeifer, with the help of their coaches, parents, and supporters, have represented their community and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the baseball diamond; and

WHEREAS, throughout this incredible season, the members of the 2009 Farragut High School baseball team etched their names onto the hearts of Tennesseans and into the annals of Tennessee sports history; their dedication, determination, work ethic, and talents not only made possible a successful and memorable baseball season, but also surely point toward their success in all future endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach Tommy Pharr and the Farragut High School Admirals baseball team upon capturing the 2009 TSSAA Class AAA state

championship, applaud them for their heralded success on the baseball field, and wish them much success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.